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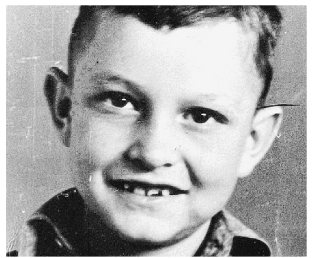
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“I wonder if I ever really did leave, how many would there be to grieve?
How they'd react to the word?” — Johnny Cash

Farewell, Mr. Cash



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Country music legend Johnny Cash recited *Ragged Old Flag* after receiving a lifetime achievement award from the Americana Music Association and the First Amendment Center last September at the downtown Hilton.

By **PETER COOPER**
Staff Writer

Somehow, Johnny Cash is dead.
Battling ill health for years and without his longtime companion since wife June Carter Cash's death in May, Mr. Cash's frailties of body and heart made him seem no less indomitable. Fans and fellow musicians likened him to a force of nature: an iconic, elemental figure, more granite and fire than flesh and blood. He had cheated death enough that it seemed death would never catch onto the ruse.
But yesterday morning around 2 a.m., Mr. Cash passed away at Baptist Hospital, succumbing to respiratory failure brought on by complications from diabetes. He was 71 years old, and his life altered the course of American popular music.
In Hendersonville, he was a neighbor. For

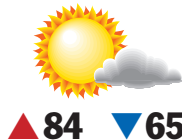
Nashville, he was an ambassador, an agitator, a kingpin and a musical conscience. To the world, he was a political activist, a genre-blending innovator and the embodiment of well-aged cool.
Most memorably, he was a singer of songs.
In death's wake came words, all day long, and none would suffice. Singers and pickers, fans and barflies, and journalists and the president of the United States tried to say something to convey the breadth and magnitude of Mr. Cash's life and career. All failed, though not for lack of good intentions.
Today, *The Tennessean* presents a section devoted to the Man In Black. It's special and commemorative and filled with photos and words. And it will not suffice.

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**Future bleak for tourney
as Nashville office closes**

Organizers of Nashville's Champions Tour event announced that their office will close soon, making the future bleak for a stop by the seniors' golf tour in the Music City next year. The tournament hasn't found a title sponsor. **On 1C**

TELEVISION

Master of sitcom silliness mourned

John Ritter, star of *Three's Company* who died of a rare heart disorder, was remembered by his Nashville friends as an actor who portrayed characters very close to his own personality. "John Ritter was exactly in person like you know him in *8 Simple Rules* and in *Three's Company*, always funny, cutting up, clever and challenging you to be witty," family friend Sherry Bond said. His death left the future of *8 Simple Rules* up in the air. **On 2A**



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